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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Thirtieth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Offices of the Company, Pedder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1899, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th Feb. to the 1st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co., LTD.

Hongkong, January 30, 1899. 249

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of February, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 24 1899. 204

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 4th February, to the 18th day of February Next, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 24 1899 205

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

IN Accordance with this COMPANY'S ARTICLES of ASSOCIATION, INTEREST at the Rate of 12 Per Cent per Annum is being CHARGED on all UNPAID CALLS.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 20, 1899. 164

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING WEAVING AND DYEING CO., LIMITED.

FULLY PAID-UP SCRIP for SHARES in this Company can now be Exchanged for NEW CERTIFICATES at the Offices of the Undersigned.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 6, 1899. 304

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.,
OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. Co.,
TOYO KAISEN KAISHA.

THE OFFICES of the above COMPANIES have been THIS DAY REMOVED to the NEW BUILDING on CONNAUGHT ROAD, the Reclamation.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 6, 1899. 307

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 27th February, 1899, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the statement of accounts to the 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th February, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. F. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1899. 300

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FOR.	STEAMSHIP.	CAPTAIN.	DATE.
S'HAI, N'SAKI, KOBE & Y'MA.	*Formosa*	A. G. CUBBITT, R.N.R.	About 13th February.
LONDON	*Socotra* †	T. H. HIRE, R.N.R.	About 15th February.
LONDON, &c.	*Ballaarat* *	C. L. W. FEILD	Noon, 18th February
N'SAKI, KOBE, & YOKOHAMA	*Rohilla*	S. DE B. LOCKYER, R.N.R.	4 p.m., 18th February.
SHANGHAI	*Parramatta*	C. F. PRESTON, R.N.R.	About 18th February.

* See Special Advertisement. For Freight (only).

For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, February 6, 1899. 300

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

OWING to the large and continued increase of SUBSCRIBERS to the *CHINA MAIL,*

We are compelled to go to PRESS earlier. Alterations and additions to Advertisements on Pages 1 and 4, should be sent here not later than 10 a.m. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS should be sent before 4 p.m.

BAIN & REID.

Hongkong, October 1, 1898.

THE
HONGKONG DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the above SOCIETY will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Feb., at 8 p.m.

DEVONIANS wishing to Join the Society are requested to apply to the Undersigned.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Hon. Secretary,

Hongkong, February 3, 1899. 277

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For Prices and further particulars, apply to
2292 SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., *General Managers.*

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 10th and 11th Instant respectively.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. E. SANSOM,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For 'The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de L'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,'
F. AUGUSTIN,
Manager.

For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.,' Hongkong,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,'
S. CHOH,
Agent.

For the 'Imperial Bank of China,'
E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1899. 292

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 10th and 11th Instant respectively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.;
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Acting Secretary,
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd.
G. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
W. H. T. DAVIS,
Manager,
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, February 4, 1899. 284

NEW AMOY DOCK CO., LTD.

WANTED, A QUALIFIED PERSON, to fill the position of MANAGER to the above Company, dating from the 31st March, 1899. Apply by Letter, enclosing Copies of Testimonials, &c., to the GENERAL MANAGER, Amoy.

J. FARROW,
General Manager.

Amoy, January 19, 1899. 177

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H. RUTTONJEE,
13 and 15, D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong, and
21 and 22, Elgin Road, Kowloon.

Hongkong, January 24, 1899. 194

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 4, PRAYA CENTRAL, at 11 o'clock on MONDAY, the 20th February, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 20th February, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1899. 288

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(NOTICE OF CALL).

NOTICE is hereby given that, at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the above Company Held at No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, on the SIXTH day of December, 1898, the following Resolution was passed:—

'That a FIRST and FINAL CALL of TEN DOLLARS ($10) per SHARE, upon all the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, in respect of all the SHARES held by them in the above Company, be and the same is hereby made. Such Call to be Paid to the Company at their Bankers, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of March, 1899.'

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY Co., LTD.,
General Agents for the
WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

Hongkong, January 1, 1899. 1

GREAT MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

PROF. WINTER'S MAGNETIC CURE for CORNS, WARTS, BUNIONS, CHILBLAINS, & INGROWING NAILS for Sale, wholesale and retail, at

Messrs. COTTAM & Co.'s
3, *Pedder Street,*
HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDINGS.

Hongkong, January 9, 1899. 87

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

IN LIQUIDATION.

PREFERENCE Shareholders ON THE REGISTER of the above Company can now obtain Scrip for Shares in Queen Mines, Limited, upon executing an Agreement in my Office.

Shareholders NOT ON THE REGISTER may transfer shares to me, but no other transfers can be registered.

W. HUTTON POTTS,
Liquidator.

Office, No. 2, Albert Road,
Office hours, 2 to 3 p.m.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1899. 25

THE HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Thirteenth Ordinary Annual General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered OFFICES of the Company on TUESDAY, the 21st Instant, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Governing Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the [illegible] to the 21st Instant, both days [illegible]

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 7, 1899. 304

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

SATURDAY,

the 11th February, 1899, at 2 p.m.,—

A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF CHINESE PORCELAIN & CURIOS,

from the MING DYNASTY, the Reigns of YUNG-CHING, KANGHI, KIENLUNG, KATING, ETC.

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FINE SPECIMENS OF BLUE AND WHITE HAWTHORN JARS AND VASES, FINE FIVE-COLOUR VASES AND JARS, RED, BLUE, YELLOW, GREEN and otherwise Decorated VASES and JARS, BLACK and WHITE HAWTHORN and FINE SANG DE BOEUF VASES, IMPERIAL DRAGON Decorated BOWLS, CUPS, PLATES, ETC., ETC.

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A QUANTITY OF SILK EMBROIDERIES.

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A FINE LOT OF RARE JAPANESE SWORDS.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale. On View from TUESDAY, the 7th Feb., P.M.

TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 6, 1899. 311

PUBLIC AUCTION.

IN the Course of This Month, exact date to be fixed hereafter, there will be Sold in the PUBLIC AUCTION Rooms, in BATAVIA, to the highest bidder,—

The Iron 2-Masted light draught Mail Screw STEAMER called the

'GOUVERNEUR-GENERAAL MYER,'

Built in 1871 by Messrs CHARLES CONNELL & Co., in GLASGOW, Flying the Dutch Flag.

Length as per certificate of measurement 86.90 metres (223 feet), beam 8.65 metres (28 feet); depth 5.04 metres (17 feet), measuring gross 842.03 and nett 441.71 tons, draught empty 9 feet, draught loaded 14½ feet; with 25 first, and 12 second-class passengers accommodation, compound surface condensing Engines of 550 indicated H.P., steam boilers and donkey boiler (new in 1892); 6 boats, and all inventory.

To be sold as she is now lying in the harbour of Tandjong Priok (BATAVIA), where she is daily open for inspection.

In the meantime offers will be entertained.

The Agents
KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPY,
LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1899. 296

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SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE FOR GIRLS.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, on THURSDAY, 9th February, 1899, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering a proposal which has been made to establish in Hongkong a Boarding and Day School for Eurasian and other Girls.

The Bishop of Victoria will preside.

An outline will be given of a scheme prepared by a provisional Committee.

Ladies and Gentlemen are earnestly invited to attend.

R. F. COBBOLD.

Hongkong, February 3, 1899. 280

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE Second Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on FRIDAY, the 17th February, at Noon, for the purpose receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1898, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 17th February, 1899, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 17, 1899. 148

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

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7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m....Every quarter of an hour.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m....Every half hour.
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m....Every quarter of an hour.
3.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every quarter of an hour.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.
An additional car will run at 2.40 p.m. until further notice.

SATURDAYS.

Extra Night cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

8.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m....Every half hour.
10.30 a.m. and 10.40 a.m.
Noon to 2 p.m....Every quarter of an hour.
3 p.m. to 8 p.m....Every quarter of an hour.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15. p.m. Every half hour.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, November 22, 1898. 2039

To-day's Advertisements.

QUEEN MINES LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST GENERAL MEETING (STATUTORY) of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held in the Company's Offices, Nos. 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 17th day of February inst., at Noon.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 8, 1899. 339

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE COURT will Sit in SUMMARY JURISDICTION on THURSDAY, the 9th Instant, at 10 A.M., instead of FRIDAY, the 10th Instant.

Dated the 7th day of February, 1899.

By the Court,

A. SETH,
Acting Registrar.

Hongkong, February 8, 1899. 328

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 16th February, at 8.30 for 9.00 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED to attend.

Hongkong, February 8, 1899. 329

BIJOU THEATRE,

RECLAMATION GROUND, PRAYA WEST.

LAST [4] NIGHTS of 'ROBINSON CRUSOE,'

TO-NIGHT, (WEDNESDAY), 8th Feb., 1899.

LAST NIGHT BUT THREE OF THE PORT OF HULL.
LAST NIGHT BUT THREE OF THE OPEN SEA.
LAST NIGHT BUT THREE OF THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA.
LAST NIGHT BUT THREE OF THE TROPICAL ISLAND.
LAST NIGHT BUT THREE OF CRUSOE'S HUT AND PALACE.

FRIDAY, 10th & SATURDAY, 11th Feb. MATINEES at 4 P.M.

MONDAY, 13th February, 1899. FIRST GRAND CHANGE OF PROGRAMME 'BLUE BEARD,'

PRICES AS USUAL.

Hongkong, February 8, 1899. 330

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship WOOSUNG, Captain DOWSON, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 9th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1899. 325

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Steamship KNIVSBERG, Captain HANSEN, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY MORNING, 10th Instant, at 9 a.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Particulars, apply to

R. ISAACS & BRO.,
7, *Beaconsfield Arcade.*

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship SUISANG, Captain PAYNE, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 11th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 8, 1899. 323

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship TAILEE, Captain KOCK, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 13th Inst., at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 8, 1899. 324

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship AUSTRALIAN, Captain HELMS, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 20th Inst., at 4 p.m.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA, are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and *vice versa.*

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1899. 322

Vessels Advertized as Loading.

Destination.	*Vessels.*	*Agents.*	*Date of Leaving.*
Australian Ports	Australian (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Feb. 10, at 4 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Sachsen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Mar 1, at 9 a.m.
Havre, H'burg/B'men	Sarnia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Feb. 19.
Havre, H'burg/B'men	Silesia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About March 10.
Havre, H'burg/B'men	Suevia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About March 20.
Havre, H'burg/B'men	Wittenberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About March 31.
London & Ports of Cal	Ballaarat (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 18, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal	Patroclus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 15, at noon.
London	Socotra (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 15.
Manila	Chingtu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 25, at Noon.
Manila	Sungkiang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 9, at noon.
Manila	Knivsberg (s)	R. Isaacs & Bro.	Feb. 10, at 9 a.m.
Manila	Tailee (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co	Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.
N'saki, Kobe & Y'ma	Rohilla (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 18, at 4 p.m.
N'ki, M'ji, K'be & Y'ma	Futami Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Feb. 18, at 4 p.m.
N.-wYork, v. SuezCana	Sikh (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd	About Feb. 24.
NewYork, v. SuezCana	Indrani (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb 14, at noon.
New York	Kenmore (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About end of Feb.
Portland, Oregon	Monmouthshire (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Feb. 18, at noon.
San Diego v. Japan	Carmarthenshire (s)	Butterfield & Swire	About Feb. 25.
San Francisco	Queen Margaret	Shewan, Tomes & Co	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco. v. Japa	Doric (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Feb. 23, at noon.
S. Francisco. v. Japa	China (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co	Feb. 16, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Nippon Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Mar. 4, at noon.
Shanghai	Woosung (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Parramatta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 18.
Shanghai	Sachsen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	About Feb. 9.
Shanghai	Lyeemoon (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Feb. 14, at 4 p.m.
S'hai, N'ki, K'be & Y'ma	Caledonien (s)	Messageries Maritime	About Feb. 14.
S'hai, N'ki, K'be & Y'ma	Formosa (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 13.
S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay	Gisela (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Feb. 19, daylight.
S'pore, Penang & C'tta	Suisang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Feb. 11, at noon.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Victoria (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Feb. 14, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.)	Empress of India (s)	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	Feb 15 at noon.
Y'ma, Kobé & Nagasaki	Hohenzollern (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	About Feb. 9.
Yokohama and Kobé	Trieste (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Feb. 14, afternoon.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION at BICTON, PLANTATION ROAD, the PEAK, the Residence of Mr. H. F. MEYERINK, on

WEDNESDAY,

15th February, 1899, Commencing at 2.30 p.m.,—

THE WHOLE OF THE FINE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

All Nearly New

Comprising:—

VERY FINE TEAK-CARVED READING ROOM FURNITURE LEATHER COVERED, and BOOKCASES and WRITING DESK TO MATCH, CURTAINS, CARPETS, STAIR-CARPETS, SIDEBOARD, WHATNOTS, MARBLE TOP VERANDA TABLES, CHAIRS, EASY CHAIRS, HALL TABLES, IRON BEDSTEADS, with SPRING MATTRESSES, BATHTUBS, WARDROBES, FINE PICTURES and BRONZES, GLASSWARE, CUTLERY, and CROCKERY, ETC., ETC., ETC.

A LOT OF NEW TABLE LINNEN, UNUSED.

SEVERAL FINE MARBLE and HALL CLOCKS.

On View from SUNDAY, the 12th Feb., A.M.

Catalogues are to had at the House or from the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary,

PAUL BREWITT,
Auctioneer.

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FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship LYEEMOON, Captain G. HEUERMANN, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 14th Instant, at 4 p.m.

This steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Suisang* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at KOWLOON, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th Instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 8

Haitan, British steamer, 1,183, J. S. Roach, Foochow February 5, Amoy 6, and Swatow 7, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

Suisang, British steamer, 1,776, Geo. Payne, Calcutta Jan. 18, Penang 25, and Singapore 30, General and Opium.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Anping, Chinese str., 1,158, J. W. Y. Stewart, Shanghai Feb. 5, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Knivsberg, German str., 646, A. Hansen, Manila Feb. 3, Hemp.—JEBSEN & Co.

Hanoi, French steamer, 742, R. Menard, Haiphong and Hoihow Feb. 7, General.—A. R. MARTY.

Mongkut, British steamer, 859, A. S. Calder, Saigon Feb. 2, Rice.—WO FAT.

Pronto, German steamer, 720, H. Meyer, Touron Feb. 5, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Wosang, British str., 1,127, R. Johns, Wuhu and Chinkiang February 4, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

DEPARTURES.

February 8.

Hongkong Maru, for San Francisco.
Malacca, for Singapore and London.
Guthrie, for Port Darwin and Sydney.
Abner Coburn, for Manila.
Katsuyama Maru, for Saigon.
Dean, for Singapore.
Amigo, for Saigon.
Sabine Rickmers, for Swatow.
Haitan, for Pakhoi.
Quarta, for Saigon.
Benledi, for Koh-si-chang.
Broad Mayne, for Palak Papar.
Benmohr, for Nagasaki.
Feiching, for Shanghai.
Anping, for Canton.
Charterhouse, for Swatow.
Taifu, for Foochow.
Loksang, for Saigon.
Onsang, for Singapore.

CLEARED.

Marie Jebsen, for Saigon.
Machew, for Bangkok.
Silesia, for Shanghai.
Ariake Maru, for Kutchinotzu.
S. D. Carleton, for Kahului.
Holstein, for Saigon.
Oam, for Bangkok.
Glengarry, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Haitan*, from Coast Ports, Miss A. Duncan, Messrs Evans, Putterafly, E. J. Grist, S. Okada, Lieut. Tamaoka, Admiral Kurooka, Mr F. Blum and servant, 1 European and 60 Chinese.

Per *Suisang*, from Calcutta, &c., Mrs Gardner Hill, Mrs Crockett, Mrs Pithie, Mr Baskerville Mason, and 159 Chinese.

Per *Anping*, from Shanghai, Mr Wheeley, Capt. Grayson, Mrs Prentice and child, Mrs MacCrackin and child, Mrs and Miss Aquino, Mrs Endurnagne and child, and 21 Chinese.

Per *Knivsberg*, from Manila, 7 Europeans.

Per *Mongkut*, from Saigon, 12 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Hongkong Maru*, for Shanghai, Messrs B. F. Hutchinson and Ichitaro, Lt. L. J. Magill, S. W. Pratt, Y. Honda, S. I. Konaga, T. Nakajima and 2 Chinese; for Kobe, Messrs A. J. de Souza, K. Otani, and servant, T. Takeda and servant, U. Asakura and servant, and 13 Chinese; for Yokohama, Mr J. Martin, and 1 Chinese; for San Francisco, Mr B. E. Strauss, Miss Z. A. Braun, Mr and Mrs Paul Weng, Mr L. R. Sargent, Rev., Mrs and Misses Gilman, Master Charles Gilman, Miss Etta Montgomery, and Mr K. J. Corey; for New York, Mr G. H. Holden; for London, Mr and Mrs R. L. Morgan.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Haitan* reports: Foochow to Amoy, moderate to strong N.E'ly breeze, moderate sea, fine and clear. Amoy to Swatow, moderate N.E'ly and N.N.E'ly breeze, moderate sea, fine and clear. Swatow to Chelang, moderate N.E'ly breeze and sea, fine and clear; and moderate N'ly breeze from Chelang to port. Strs. in Amoy: *Pakshan* and *Foochow*. Steamers in Swatow: *Taiwan*, *Tientsin*, and *Taksang*.

The British steamer *Suisang* reports: Fresh monsoon and high sea, fine and clear.

The Chinese steamer *Anping* reports: Had fine weather throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Olam*, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 9th February.

For MANILA.—
Per *Sungkiang*, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 9th February.
Per *Knivsberg*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 9th February.
Per *Tailee*, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 15th February.
Per *Chingtu*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 25th February.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Esang*, at 1 p.m., on Thursday, the 9th February.

For HONGAY.—
Per *Kiangnan*, at 4 p.m., on Thursday, the 9th February.

For SAIGON.—
Per *Chittagong*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 9th February.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.—
Per *Suisang*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 11th February.

For MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & TACOMA.—
Per *Victoria*, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the the 14th February.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Laos* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 11th February, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *via Marseilles*; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Madras, the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

Circulars at 8 a.m.
Registration at 9.30 a.m.
Papers at 9.30 a.m.
Letters at 10.30 a.m.
Late Letters at 11.40 to 11 a.m.

MAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S PACKET.—

The Canadian Pacific Mail Packet *Empress of India* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Feb., with Mails, for Shanghai, Japan, United States, Canadian, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

10.30 A.M. Registry ceases.
11.00 A.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, *with the Late Fee of* 10 *cents extra Postage*, until the time of departure.

(Supplementary Mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail.)

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.21	30.26	30.18
Temperature	62	65	64
Humidity	33	29	32
Direction of Wind	E	—	E
Force	3	2	3
Weather	b	b	c
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 7th 65
Lowest open air temperature on the 7th......51

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant.*

Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 8, 1899.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Noon.—*Sungkiang* leaves for Manila.
2 p.m.—*Woosung* leaves for Shanghai.

Meeting.

4.30 p.m.—Public Meeting of School and Orphanage for Girls, in the St. Paul's College.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, February 10:—
Goods per *Coromandel* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
4 and 9 p.m.—George L. D'Arc's New Marionette Theatre, at Reclamation Ground, Praya West.
Insurance Offices close.
Local Banks close.

SATURDAY, February 11:—
Insurance Offices close.
Local Banks close.
2 p.m.—Auction of Collection of Chinese Porcelain and Curios, by Mr. Geo. P. Lammert.

MONDAY, February 13:—
Transfer Books of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 27th February, both days inclusive.
Goods per *Silesia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Glengarry* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, February 14:—
Transfer Books of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 21st inst., both days inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, February 15:—
Goods per *Suisang* undelivered after Noon this date subject to rent.
8 p.m.—Annual Dinner of Hongkong Devonian Society, in the Hongkong Club.
Transfer Books of Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 1st March, both days inclusive.

THURSDAY, February 16:—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

FRIDAY, February 17:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central.

SATURDAY, February 18:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.
Noon.—Tenders for the supply of labour for Coaling H.M. Ships and Vessels, and for landing and stowing Coals in the Admiralty Stores and Godowns, received by Commodore at H.M. Naval Yard.

MONDAY, February 20:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, No. 4, Praya Central.

TUESDAY, February 21:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., at the Registered Offices of the Company.

MONDAY, February 27:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld., at the Company's Offices, No. 14 Praya Central.

WEDNESDAY, March 1:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, Pedder's Street.

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Per doz. Case.

A.—THORNE'S BLEND, White Capsule $10.80

B.—WATSON'S GLENORCHY MELLOW BLEND, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark... ... ... 10.80

C.—WATSON'S ABERLOUR-GLENLIVET, Red Capsule, with name and Trade Mark 12.00

D.—WATSON'S H.K D., BLEND OF THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT WHISKIES, Violet Capsule 14.40

E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD LIQUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY, Gold Capsule... 15.00

THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S GLENORCHY are high class Soda Whiskies, of greater age than most brands in the Market.

ABERLOUR-GLENLIVET is very old Peat Whisky, (smoky) and could not now be replaced in stock at the price.

D is well known for its fine flavour.

E is of superb quality and pronounced by leading local connoisseurs to be the best brand in the Hongkong Market.

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DEATHS.

At Tientsin, on Wednesday, 25th Jan., WILLIAM HAWKES, Gymnastic Instructor, Imperial Arsenal; aged 27 years.

At Tientsin, on Wednesday, 25th Jan., TERESA, the wife of J. J. HATCH; aged 32 years.

The publication of this issue commenced at 8.10 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Wennington*, *Hull*, Dec. 23; *Glengyle*, *Boynton*, 30; *Servia*, Jan. 3; *Binaldar*, *Nerite*, 6; *St. Andrews*, *Æolus*, 10; *Lis*, *Haiching*, *Huron*, 13; *Benlarig*, 17; *Kaisow*, 20; *Nil*, 24; *Canton*, *Trold*, 27; *Oceanien*, *Wittenburg*, 31; *Chingtoo*, *Indravelli*, *Prometheus*, *Anapa*, Feb. 3; *Flintshire*, *Polyphemus*, *Harperley*, *Siberia*, 7.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Melbourne*, 10; *Ceylon*, *Hansa*, 13; *Glenartney*, *Braemar*, *Konigsberg*, 20; *Ernest Simons*, *Sumatra*, *Marquis Bacquehem*, *Priam*, 27; *Prinz Heinrich*, 31; *Heidelberg*, Feb. 3; *Salazie*, 7.

Mails.

The Imp. German Mail s. s. *Sachsen*, with the GERMAN MAIL, left Singapore on Friday, the 3rd Feb., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 8th Feb.

The M. M. Co.'s str. *Caledonien*, with the next FRENCH MAIL, of January 13th, left Singapore via Saigon, on Tuesday, the 7th Feb., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 14th Feb. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 3rd Dec., 1898.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Tartar* left Vancouver on 1st Feb., for Hongkong direct, and is expected to arrive here on 25th Feb.

The T. K. K. s. s. *Nippon Maru*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 25th Jan.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver for Hongkong, via usual ports of call, on Tuesday afternoon, the 31st January.

The O. & O. Co's s. s. *Coptic*, which left hence Jan. 5th, for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 1st Feb.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Aztec*, with mails &c., which left Hongkong Dec. 28th, for San Francisco via Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 3rd Feb.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port on the 2nd Feb., via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

The O. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Doric*, with mails &c., from San Francisco to the 17th Jan., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port on the morning of 7th Feb., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

Steamers Expected.

The O. S. S. Co.'s str. *Menelaus*, from Swansea and Liverpool, left Singapore on the morning of 3rd Feb., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 9th Feb.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. *Gisela* left Moji for this port on the 5th Feb.

The s. s. *Koi-i-nur*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the morning of 5th Feb.

The E. A. Co.'s str. *Malaya* left Singapore on the 5th Feb., and may be considered due here on or about the 11th Feb.

The N Y. K. s. s. *Futami Maru* left Singapore for this port on the 5th Feb., and is expected to arrive here on the 11th Feb.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Formosa* left Singapore for this port on the 6th Feb., at noon.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. *Trieste* left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of 7th Feb.

The C. O. s. s. Co.'s steamer *Belgian King* left San Diego on Thursday, 2nd Feb., for Hongkong, via Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai.

The H. A. L. steamer *Suevia* left Hamburg for Hongkong, &c., via ports of call on the 30th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 14th February next.

The N. G. I. s. s. *Bormida* left Bombay for this port on Saturday, the 28th Jan., and is due here on or about the 17th Feb.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Shanghai* left Bombay for this port on the morning of the 31st January.

Latest Advices.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Lennox* sailed from Portland, Or., for Japan and Hongkong on the 4th Feb.

The E. & A. Co.'s str. *Airlie*, from Sydney, left Port Darwin on the 7th Feb., for Timor and this port.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Moyune*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, etc., left Singapore for this port on the 7th Feb., and may be expected here on or about the 13th Feb.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Tacoma* has arrived at Yokohama, and sailed for Kobe and Hongkong on the 8th Feb.

AN assistant to a shopkeeper in Jervois Street was sentenced to one month's imprisonment at the Magistracy to-day, for embezzling two sums of $6.80 and $5.

THE flag at Government House is half-masted to-day as a mark of respect for the late Prince Alfred of Coburg, whose death is announced by Reuter. Prince Alfred Alexander William Ernest Albert was the only son of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and grandson of the Queen. He was born on 15th October, 1874.

THE Post Office will be entirely closed on Friday, the 10th inst. (Chinese New Year's Day) and on Saturday, the 11th inst. except from 7 to 11 a.m. The mail for Europe will be closed at 10.30 a.m. Late letters from 10.40 to 11 a.m. The night box will be left open on both days. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on both days.

IT is understood (says a Colombo contemporary) that there has been so much loss in the commissioned ranks of the British Army lately, in connection with the raising of new regiments in Africa and elsewhere, that nearly 150 new commissions will be gazetted shortly.

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club, in the second round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield, H.M.S. 'Victorious' will play E Company of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Kick-off at a quarter past four.

THE following team will represent the Garrison in the match against the Navy under Rugby rules on Friday next. Back, Lieut. A. R. Izat (R.A.); Three-quarters, Lewis and Evans (R.W.F.), Lieut. R. G. Campbell, R.A., Lieut. M. L. Wilkinson, R.A.; Halves, Lieut. Walwyn, R.W.F.; Lieut. Stevens, R.E.; Forwards, Lieut. Rotherham, Lieut. Williams, Lieut. Ball-Acton (R.W.F.), Lieuts. Loring, Colville, Castle (R.A.), Sergeant Nicholl and Corpl. Hughes (R.W.F.). Kick-off at 4.15 p.m. sharp on the military ground, Happy Valley. This is the first time this season the Garrison have played the Navy. The Navy, though strong, will probably get a good game.

ABOUT midnight yesterday, two German sailors from the warship *Kaiser*, who had gone into a coffee shop at Hunghom, quarrelled with the Chinese proprietor about payment, and assaulted the shopman and his assistant. One of the sailors drew a knife and stabbed the assistant in the arm. They also broke crockery to the value of about $5. An Indian constable, who was attracted to the shop by the disturbance, endeavoured to arrest the men, which he ultimately accomplished with the assistance of P.C. Connack. At the Magistracy to-day, one of the men was fined $25 and ordered to pay $10 compensation, with the option of six weeks' imprisonment. In sentencing the other men to one month's imprisonment, with hard labour, and to pay $10 compensation, or suffer six weeks' imprisonment, Commander Hastings said his conduct was disgraceful and unbecoming a white man wearing the uniform of a civilized Power.

WE sincerely regret to learn that Mr Selby Darby (of the Bank of China and Japan) died early this morning from typhoid fever at Shanghai. His friends here learnt a few days ago that he was suffering from this disease, but no one dreamt that he was in a critical state. Mr Darby was resident in Hongkong for many years; he was one of the best-liked men in this community, and his numerous friends here have been looking forward to his return to Hongkong, where his keen interest in sport generally had made him an universal favourite. At cricket he was one of the best all-round men the Colony has seen, and (what was perhaps more important) he was a most conscientious player, and showed an example to younger men in always being in time and ready for any emergency. At racquets he held his own with most players, despite an old injury to his knee which prevented him 'letting go' as much as he would have liked. In other sports in the Colony he assisted more than people know, and his cheery and straightforward advice and help will long be remembered by his brother sports here. His death will be mourned by all the older members and supporters of the Amateur Dramatic Club: he was a clever comedian, and his clever impersonation of the Irish policeman will be remembered as an excellent feature in many of our A. D. C. performances. Mr Darby was a Past Master of the Victoria Lodge of Freemasons, and his hospitality and generosity had a great deal to do with the success of that Lodge during his connection with the craft in Hongkong. A very large circle of friends all over the China Coast, in Hongkong, and in Shanghai will be sincerely sorry that S. L. Darby has gone to his rest.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*.—H.I.G.M.S. Kaiser, Beechdale, H.I.G.M.S. Kaiserin Augusta, Athenian, Isla de Cuba, Isla de Luzon, Monmouthshire, St. Enoch, Hué, H.I.G.M.S. Prinzess Wilhelm.

Cosmopolitan.—Don Juan de Austria, Daphne, China, Phra Nang.

Aberdeen.—(None.)

BRINSMEAD & Allison Pianos, the very best value.—Robinson Piano Co.

THE officer of the Public Works department took great pride in his poultry-yard, and pointed out the merit of the hackles and the cackles and that sort of thing to visitors who were not so fortunate as to belong to the fancy. Indeed, his pride was of that arrogant type that rides for a fall, and it came during the holidays. On Boxing Day he went forth, as usual, calling 'Chook! chookie!' but no joyous fowl answered the invitation. Other fanciers had called in the night, and as a Hibernian neighbour put it, 'Swhep the roosht.' Not altogether. A lone hen was still hatching her eggs in a corner, and on a card pinned to the box was written—'Will be back for the chickens about Easter.'

'IT IS REMARKABLE,'

SAYS MR. W. WILSON, THE POPULAR Chemist at Rawalpindi and Murree, 'How Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has attained a prominence in this district, and though it has only been introduced a few months it has taken the lead. From remarks made by my customers who have used this remedy, I am convinced that it possesses exceptional qualities. I never hesitate to recommend it to all who are in need of a good cough mixture.'

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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the 'China Mail.']

London, February 8.

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR.

The Committee of the Chamber has rejected the Dreyfus Bill on the ground that M. Mazeau's report was not convincing.

THE PEACE TREATY RATIFIED.

The Washington Senate has ratified the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain by a majority of three.

CLERICAL.

Revd. Mr Foss, a Missionary at Kobe, has been consecrated Bishop of Osaka.

OBITUARY.

The deaths are announced of Count Caprivi and Prince Alfred of Coburg.

THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has been elected leader of the Liberal Party.

[The Rt. Hon. Henry Campbell-Bannerman, M.P., is the second son of the late Sir James Campbell, of Stracathro, Forfarshire, by Janet, youngest daughter of the late Mr Henry Bannerman, of Manchester, and was born in 1836. He was educated at the University of Glasgow, and at Trinity College, Cambridge (B.A., 1858; M.A., 1861). In 1872 he assumed the additional surname of Bannerman, under the will of his uncle, Mr Henry Bannerman, of Hunton Court, Kent. Mr Campbell-Bannerman, who is a magistrate for the counties of Lanark and Kent, has represented the Stirling district of boroughs in the Liberal interest since Dec., 1868; he was Financial Secretary at the War Office from 1871 to 1874; was again appointed to that office in 1880; and in May, 1882, was nominated Secretary to the Admiralty. He was Chief Secretary for Ireland, 1884-5; and in Mr Gladstone's third Cabinet, 1886, held the office of Secretary of State for War, and was again appointed to the same office in Mr Gladstone's Ministry, 1892. He married, in 1860, Charlotte, daughter of the late Major-General Sir Charles Bruce, K.C.B.]

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 8th at 11.50 a. The barometer has fallen on the China coast. Pressure remains low in the extreme North, and highest over Central China. Gradients slight on the coast, moderate with fresh monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—light or moderate N.E. to N. winds; fine.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Hon. Sir John W. Carrington, Chief Justice, and a Special Jury.)

Tuesday, February 7.

JUDGMENT IN THE 'BEACONSFIELD' SUIT.

The hearing was concluded of the case, in which A Hok, of 23 D'Aguilar Street, [illegible] Belilios the sum of $11,200, being the balance of money due for work done and materials provided by the plaintiff on the building known as 'Beaconsfield.'

Hon H. E. Pollock, Acting Attorney-General (instructed by Mr H. L. Dennys) appeared for the plaintiff; Mr J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the defendant.

The following composed the special jury:—Messrs R. Marten, H. M. Mehta, J. S. Van Buren, Walter Poate, W. R. Loxley, W. Hutton Potts, and C. A. Tomes.

After the addresses by counsel, His Lordship summed up at some length, concluding at 6.15 p.m., when the jury retired. They returned at 6.35 p.m. and gave their verdict by 4 to 3, in the answers to the following issues:—

5. (a) Did the defendant, either expressly or impliedly, authorize the Public Works Department to enter into any contract in his name or on his behalf with the plaintiff or with any other person to execute repairs and alterations to 'Beaconsfield'?—No.

(b) Did the defendant only authorize the Public Works Department, by themselves, their servants or agents, to execute repairs and alterations to 'Beaconsfield'?—Yes.

8.—Was the said William Chatham the authorised agent of the defendant to issue certificates?—No.

9.—Is the defendant estopped by his payment to the plaintiff of $6,500 on a certificate issued by the said William Chatham from denying,—

(a.) That the plaintiff was employed in his name on his behalf.

(b.) That the said William Chatham was entitled to give certificates in favour of the plaintiff so as to bind the defendant, or

(c.) That the authority given to the Public Works Department was exceeded.—'No' on each head.

This being practically a verdict for the defendant, Mr Francis asked that judgment be entered for defendant with costs.

Mr Pollock asked that under the special circumstances of the case no costs be allowed.

Judgment for defendant with costs.

The jurors were excused from service of a year.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Hon. Sir John W. Carrington, Chief Justice.)

Wednesday, February 8.

CHEANG YAU-TO AND OTHERS v. CHOY CHAN.

The hearing was resumed of this suit brought by Cheang Yau-To and others, as executors and executrix of Cheang Kai deceased, for an injunction to restrain Choy Chan, of 56 Praya Central, from committing a breach of a certain covenant with reference to certain buildings.

Mr J. J. Francis (instructed by Mr H. L. Dennys) appeared for the plaintiff; Mr M. W. Slade (instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the defence.

Mr Slade said he proposed shortly to state the facts he proposed to prove and to argue such questions of law which might arise. In the first place, he wanted to show that these houses were practically back-to-back houses, with only about a space of four feet between them. The only portion of this space with which the Court was concerned was a little narrow strip of about ten inches. It was with reference to buildings erected on this breadth only that his Lordship was asked to interfere. The plaintiff had no grounds of complaint whatsoever as to the height of the buildings. He would call Mr Leigh to prove that he had inspected the premises, and from ocular demonstration, he would prove the plan put in was not quite correct, and only two of the windows were overshadowed by the roofs.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

DANCE IN THE CITY HALL.

It is one of the peculiarities of the Anglo-Saxon race that when it is happy with itself and wishes to find vent for its happiness it either dances, dines, or drinks. Having established a reputation for abstemiousness, and having tried dining with only a qualified measure of success, the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, of recent years, gives evidence of its vitality by dancing. The Volunteer Dance is now one of the recognised fixtures of the social season in Hongkong, and if it is always as successful as last night's effort we believe we are expressing the prevailing sentiment when we say that we hope the Volunteer Dance will remain for very many years on the long list of social events.

Last night's assemblage was one of the most brilliant we have seen in Hongkong. It was as brilliant as pretty women, sparkling jewels, pretty dresses and gay uniforms could make it. The regrettable death of a young English Prince robbed the assemblage of the genial presence of His Excellency Sir Henry Blake and Lady Blake; and Prince Henry of Prussia and Princess Henry, who were to have accompanied the Government House party, were also prevented from attending by the same sad occurrence. We believe that out of respect for the deceased prince, the German Admiral signalled to the German warships in Harbour that the officers were not to attend the ball, and the presence of so many honest Teutons was therefore denied to the Volunteer hosts. Notwithstanding these abstentions, however, the attendance was abnormally large, emphasising once more the inadequacy of the City Hall suite of rooms and halls for the social functions of the Colony. In future, either the City Hall accommodation must be increased or the invitations must be judiciously curtailed. Among those present last night were Major Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., the principal host of the evening, as the popular Commandant of the H.K.V.C.; Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, Major-General Gascoigne, and all the leaders of light and fashion in the Colony, including most of the officers of the Garrison and many of the officers from the warships in Harbour. Inside the dancing Halls—St. Andrew's and St. George's—the scene was one of brilliant splendour, a glittering spectacle of scarlet and blue and gold, with here and there a smudge of khaki yellow to tone down the picture. The rooms were inconveniently crowded with dancers, and it was remarked that the number of dancing men appear to be on the increase. Is this a proof that athleticism is on the increase? For to steer one's way through the mazy waltz at a Hongkong dance is now a work of exceeding difficulty, oftentimes requiring a display of great muscularity. The music of the new Regimental Band was excellent, erring on the side of speed and reminding us of the 'snap' of the Rifle Brigade Band. One of the features of the programme was 'The Bluejacket's Waltz,' composed by Mrs Davison, the accomplished wife of Commander Davison, R.N., H.M.S. *Humber*. This was the first time the waltz has been performed in public, and the first time played by any band; it has a charming rhythm, and was played to the best advantage; and those who were in the secret were unanimous in their praise of Mrs Davison's composition. Dancing was kept up with vigour from 9 p.m. till 1.30 a.m., with a short interval for supper, which was served in the Theatre.

The following is a list of the Stewards by whom the arrangements for the dance were perfected:—

Major Sir J. W. Carrington, Knt., C.M.G.; Captains L. A. C. Gordon, R.A., Chapman, E. D. Sanders; Surgeon-Capt. J. A. Lowson; Lieuts. D. Macdonald, G. C. Fullerton, M. W. Slade; Surgeon-Lieut. F. O. Stedman; Corps' Q.-M.-Sergt. G. W. Watling; Bty.-Sergt.-Major G. L. Duncan; Coy.-Sergt.-Major F. J. Badeley; By.-Qr.-Mr.-Sergt. J. Coyle; Sergt.-Drummer A. Brown; Sergeants H. M. McPhail, J. H. Armstrong, A. H. Skelton, J. H. Underwood; Corporal M. S. Northcote; Bombardiers A. P. Nobbs, W. Hart; Gunners W. M. Thomson, O. E. Birt, R. Head, A. Uphill, O. D. Thomson.

The decorations were simple but effective. It appears that our ball decorators have finally abandoned the rococo redundance of past years and emancipated themselves from the displays of bunting, which, for some reason difficult to understand, was at one time considered the acme of decorative art for ball-room, regatta or cattle show. Last night's decorations did not suffer from their simplicity. In St. George's Hall, a transparency bearing the crest of the Corps, with the proud motto 'Nulli Secundus in Oriente,' was shown above the large central mirror at the head of the room; and similar devices were displayed throughout the other rooms. The principal transparency was flanked by the interlaced British and German Royal Standards, and in St. Andrew's Hall the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes of the United States were brought into similar juxtaposition,—both pleasing and delicate reminders of the bonds of union between the nations and pointing to a strengthening of these bonds in the not-far-distant future. In the ante-room, were displayed excellent portraits of the present Commandant of the Corps and of Colonel Jorrard and Major Pemberton, both of whom took a prominent part in the reorganisation of the Corps. For non-dancers there were the usual creature comforts, and there were numerous card-parties scattered about in the quiet seclusion of the Library.

We must not forget to notice the display of light artillery, Maxims, swords, bayonets and what the Police Magistrate would style 'lethal weapons' on the floors and walls of the various rooms. The City Hall fairly bristled with boarding pikes and swords; and for the nonce was a veritable armoury. The miniature battery on the grand staircase may not have been drawn to a scale to fit the guns, but it formed an effective display of defensive force—and we must never forget that our Volunteers exist for 'Defence not defiance.' The Corps flag was duly hoisted on the battery before hostilities commenced in the upper rooms.

Altogether Major Carrington and his merry men deserve the heartiest congratulations upon the success of the dance. Perhaps, on future occasions, they will be less modest and will regard their efforts as deserving of a more correct title. From an unpretentious beginning, the Volunteer Dance has now developed into a very robust Ball, and, as we have already said, we hope we may regard it as an annual social fixture, and that it will have the real effect it is intended to serve of consolidating the Corps, of producing that *esprit de Corps* without which no regiment or battalion or battery can be effective, and of bringing into the Corps many diligent and loyal recruits.

We understand a scheme is under consideration at Army Headquarters for keeping British regiments in training by marching them about the country in the cold weather under Field service conditions, instead of having them so much cooped up in barracks. Nothing definite, however, has been settled and no change would be possible this season as the grants made for the current year's manoeuvres do not include any general movement of the kind.—*Rangoon Gazette.*

In Parliament a London member sat down, after his maiden speech, on a new silk hat which he had provided in honour of the occasion, and, as he was ruefully surveying his battered headgear, to the amusement of the unfeeling spectators, an Irish representative rose and gravely said, 'Mr Speaker, permit me to congratulate the honourable member on the happy circumstance that when he sat on his hat his head was not in it.' The call of 'Order, order!' from the Speaker was drowned in roars of laughter.

Mr Gorst, Financial Adviser to the Egyptian Government, draws attention to the fact that Indian tea is prohibited from entering Tibet and China. The Treaty of 1894 is subject to revision in May next. China has free access to India, and no restrictions are put upon her trade. Mr Laidlaw pleads for equal privileges for Indian tea. The market is important, for the consumption of inferior brick tea is estimated at nearly 15 million pounds yearly.—*M. Mail.*

Who killed Cricket?
I, said Stonewall.
I wouldn't hit the ball,
And I killed Cricket.
Come a beauty, it was blocked;
Come a loose one, twasn't knocked.
So I killed Cricket.
And all the stonewallers, they howled at the wicket,
When they heard of the death of poor old Cricket.

Who killed Cricket?
I, said Delay;
It was my little way,
And I killed Cricket.
Weather fair or weather foul;
Public waiting, how they howl,
So I killed Cricket.
And all the adjournments, they wept at the wicket,
When they heard of the death of poor old Cricket.

The *Athenaeum* says:—The forthcoming volumes of Sir Robert Peel's papers and correspondence are said to contain materials of value. Lives of Sir Robert have been written, but none of the biographers hitherto has had access to that great collection of documents which he himself made, and regarded as containing the true and only vindication of his character as a statesman. This collection forms the origin and the substance of the work edited by Mr C. S. Parker, which will be published by Mr. Murray in January. The first volume, which appeared in 1891, only extended to 1829; the second and third volumes, now forthcoming, cover the administrations of Lord Goderich, the Duke of Wellington, and Lord Grey; the passing of the Roman Catholic Relief Bill; the struggles over Reform; the downfall of the Conservative Party; Peel's short term of office in 1834-35, and his great administration of 1841-46. His correspondence with her Majesty the Queen, with the Duke of Wellington, Sir James Graham, Lord Aberdeen, Lord Stanley, Lord Hardinge, Mr Goulburn, and the other leading men of his day will be published for the first time.

The *Shanghai Courier*, an occasional journal printed in the United States and published by Messrs Dunning & Co., should be carefully perused by all who are suffering from cholera, diarrhoea, cough, cold, croup, rheumatism, house-maid's knee, etc., etc. The only fear is that they may find the incidental letterpress so amusing that they may forget their ailments and neglect to call on the Chamberlain. At any rate some good will be done if they take to heart the following warning from its columns against the too lavish use of ashfoetida pills:—

'They are coal black, as big as a bean and as slick as a Chicago alderman. Our bosom friend said two of her friends had been cured by these pills and we must take them. Now, we have always prided ourselves upon the neatness and sweetness of our breath, and have always felt thankful that we smelt like a nice bottle of Cologne water. Hence we felt very indignant when a friend asked us to see if there wasn't a dead mouse in our pocket. We stopped to speak to a dog to-day and he tucked his tail between his legs, took a good whiff of us and fled with a howl of despair. We tried to kiss the baby and she took a fit. Since we commenced those pills we have gradually changed from a bottle of cologne water to a flavour which resembles the unearthly odour of a decayed Bologna sausage. People leave the room when we enter. Dogs bark at us. Cats climb trees when we approach. It is no small trial to a father's feelings to hear his children say—behind his back—"Pa must be dead and don't know it." Our neighbours think we have started a glue factory.'

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H.E. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., presided. There were present—H. E. Major-General Gascoigne; Hon. H. E. Pollock, Acting Attorney-General; Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary; Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works; Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police; Hon. A. M. Thomson, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Hon. R. Murray Rumsey, Harbour Master; Hons. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Ho Kai, E. R. Belilios, C.M.G., J. J. Bell-Irving, T. H. Whitehead, and Hon. Wei Yuk; and Mr J. G. T. Buckle, Clerk of Councils.

PAPERS.

Mr Stewart Lockhart laid on the table the Report of the Headmaster of Queen's College for the year 1898, and the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol.

THE NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Mr Belilios said—I have sent to the Clerk of Councils a copy of the following questions:—(1) Will the Government state whether or not sites for the proposed new Law Courts and for the new Post Office have been selected? (2) Will the Government state whether the plans for the above-named buildings have been considered, and whether they are prepared to recommend such plans for adoption. (3) Will the Government state whether the Secretary of State for the Colonies has sanctioned any scheme for the erection of the new Public Offices above named put before him by the Government?

Mr Stewart Lockhart said—In answer to the first question, I have to state that the site selected for the new Law Courts is the site immediately north of the City Hall on the Praya Reclamation Ground. The site at present selected for the new Post Office is the site now occupied by the Post Office and Supreme Court or by a portion of those buildings, but a final decision has not been arrived at. In answer to the second question, I have to state that sketch plans by the Director of Public Works have been sent to the Secretary of State. No plans for the new Post Office have been considered. In answer to the third, the Secretary of State has not sanctioned any scheme for the erection of the new Public Offices referred to in the two previous answers.

Mr Belilios said—Your Excellency, I intend to ask a few questions at the next Council meeting, a copy of which I will forward to the Clerk of Councils for your kind approval. They will refer to the plot of land now lying fallow and situated to the North-east of the Gaol and the Magistracy.

EXCHANGE COMPENSATION.

Mr Stewart Lockhart proposed the following resolution:—'Whereas it has been usual to warn officers appointed to the service of this Colony since 1894, from a country possessing a gold standard of currency, that the exchange compensation allowance on half their salaries will be granted to them so long as it is granted to other members of the service, but that the continuance thereof is not guaranteed and is subject to the annual vote of the Council, and it is deemed that such warning is calculated to deter eligible persons from entering the public service, it is hereby resolved that it is expedient to discontinue such warning in future, and to regard the compensation as a permanent but not a pensionable emolument.' He said the reason of the resolution was so obvious it was not necessary for him to say anything.

Mr Thomson seconded.

Carried.

THE DUTIES OF THE HARBOUR MASTER.

Mr Pollock moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Merchant Shipping, the duties of the Harbour Master, the control and management of the waters of the Colony, and the regulation of vessels navigating the same.

Mr Stewart Lockhart seconded.

Carried.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE IN SUPREME COURT.

Mr Pollock moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Criminal Procedure in the Supreme Court.

Mr Stewart Lockhart seconded.

Carried.

LAW RELATING TO PRISONS.

The Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Prisons passed through Committee.

SOLICITORS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

The Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the law relating to Solicitors of the Supreme Court was referred to the Law Committee.

NATURALIZATION ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance for the Naturalization of Mak Ngan Wan, alias Mak Chin K'i, alias Mak Sui Nin, alias Mak Yat Wo, alias Mak Sun was passed.

REGULATION OF VEHICLES.

The Ordinance for the regulation of Vehicles was passed.

The Council then adjourned till Monday next.

The *P. & T. Times* says:—Report has it that Jung Lu will return here very shortly as Viceroy, and that this Viceroy will take Chang Chih-tung's place, and that official will go to Peking as a member of the Privy Council. Jung Lu is said to have not been on the best of terms with Kang Yi and hence his removal here.

With reference to the murder of Mr Fleming in Kueichou, we may state on unimpeachable authority that the case was taken up with great energy by H.M.'s Minister immediately on the receipt of the news at Peking, and everything possible is being done to ensure the punishment of those guilty of the crime.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

A meeting of subscribers to the Victoria Nursing Institute was held at the Municipal Council Hall, Shanghai, on the 2nd inst., Mr Wade Gard'ner presiding. It was resolved on the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr F. Anderson to authorise the committee to accept contributions from donors of all nationalities instead of as was originally intended to confine it entirely to Britishers.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

We have received the *Peking and Tientsin Times* of the 21st and 28th Jan.—The latest reports from the Yellow River districts show that time is heaping up the record of suffering thoughout the devastated area.—A by no means authoritative report was current in Peking that the Empress Dowager contemplates calling a conference of Princes and high officials to select a new Emperor.—A company is advertised in Tientsin, with a capital of $12,000 to take over the Tientsin Hotel.—M. E. Penquet, Commissioner of Customs, Russian Consul, etc., at Chinampo, Corea, has been appointed British Proconsul.—The Customs Taotai at Tientsin has been removed because he could not furnish the Imperial Treasury with Tls. 80,000.—Mr William Hawkes, Gymnastic Instructor at the Naval College, formerly of H.M.S. *Leander*, died suddenly at Tientsin of heart disease on the 25th ult.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CUP AND SILVER MEDAL FOR FEBRUARY.

There was a good turn out of members for the monthly cup, but the returns for both cup and pool were fewer than usual, the crowded state of the links probably accounting in a measure for this. It is becoming evident that play on cup days will have to be confined to competitors, which, though it may appear a handicap on some votaries of the game, is quite in accordance with home custom, and only fair to resident members. The winner of the cup and pool is to be congratulated on an excellent card, returned under difficulties referred to above, which places him in the rank of scratch players, or thereabouts.

Following are the scores returned:—

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Capt. R. A. S. Montgomerie	87	5	82
Lieut. Farie, R.N.	99	12	87
Mr G. Stewart	90	2	88
Mr G. Millward	100	11	89
Lieut. Hodges, R.N.	105	15	90
Mr H. L. Dalrymple	101	8	93

27 entries.

POOL.

Capt. R. A. S. Montgomerie	87	5	82
Capt. Urmston, R.M.L.I. ...	87	0	87
Mr G. Stewart	90	2	88
Lieut. Hodges, R.N.	105	15	90
Mr E. F. Mackay	100	3	97

35 entries.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

The eighteenth ordinary annual meeting of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, was held to-day in the Offices of the Company, Pedder's Street. Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving presided. The other gentlemen present were:—Captain Tillett, Messrs W. Parlane, A. Rodger, J. C. Peter, A. B. Smith, H. W. Bell (Secretary), K. Chinoy, Ho Tung, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shiu and Ho U Shang.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, I hope that you are all satisfied with the results of the working of this Company for the past year, and will approve of the proposed distribution of profits. It is recommended by the General Managers to again write $25,000 off Property and to pay a final dividend of $0.50 per share making in all $8.50 per share for the year against $7.50 for 1897. The outlay in connection with extensions, including the cost of property purchased from the Government to which I referred 12 months ago, has so far reached $62,302.67, and an additional expenditure of approximately $38,000 on a new boiler and other plant will be necessary during the current year. Mr Parlane considers that when the extensions to which I have just referred are completed the works will be in a thoroughly efficient state, and capable of meeting any increased demand that is likely to arise for some years to come. General expenses have increased about $4,000 over those of the preceding year, but this extra expenditure has been fully counter-balanced by much larger receipts. Investments of surplus funds on Mortgage are now yielding 7 per cent. interest per annum—to be increased next month to 7½ per cent., and the debentures of the Hongkong Wharf & Godown Co., Ld., returning 5½ per cent., will be re-invested on mortgage at the above rate should a favourable opportunity of realizing them occur. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions or give any further information.

No questions being asked, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Captain Tillett seconded.

Carried.

Mr Chinoy proposed that Mr Thos. Arnold be re-elected auditor for the ensuing year.

Mr Ho Tung seconded.

Carried.

The Chairman—That is everything. Dividend warrants will be sent out to-morrow.

THE DEATH OF COUNT CAPRIVI.

The following biographical notice of the late Count Caprivi (whose death is announced by Reuter) is taken from the 1895 edition of *Men and Women of the Time*:—

Count Georg Leo von Caprivi de Caprera de Monte-cucculi, the German Chancellor, is the eldest of the four sons of Julius Edward von Caprivi, who was a high legal functionary in the service of the Prussian State. General von Caprivi was born at Charlottenburg on Feb. 24, 1831. Entering a general regiment in his eighteenth year, he won rapid promotion and served with distinction in the campaigns of 1864 and 1866. In 1870 he acted as Chief of the Staff to the 10th Corps, of which he is now the Commander, and reaped fresh laurels in all the battles on the Loire. Swiftly ascending the other steps of the military ladder, he was appointed in 1883 to the command of the 30th Division at Metz; and next year, passing from the army to the navy, he succeeded to Herr von Stosch, on the latter's retirement from the head of the Admiralty. In a short time naval men by profession were amazed at the mastery of their art and the perception of their interests which were displayed by a mere landsman and soldier. Soon after the present Emperor's accession, on the death of Count Monts, he reorganised the navy; the command of the Imperial fleet being vested in Admiral von der Goltz, while something like a ministry of marine was created under Rear-Admiral von Heusner; and it was on this occasion that General von Caprivi, sharing in the redistribution of military commands, was rewarded for his loyalty to the army, no less than for his naval services, with the 10th or Hanoverian Army Corps, which is one of the finest in the whole army. During the manoeuvres of the autumn of 1889 when the Hanoverians and Westphalians met in mimic warfare, with smokeless powder and other innovations on their trial, the Emperor had opportunity enough anew to study the character of General von Caprivi, and this general's character and ability to serve him in a political capacity must have fairly convinced his Majesty, otherwise he would never have asked him to assume the enormous burden of responsibility which Prince Bismarck had laid down. It was not without grave scruples and self-distrust that General von Caprivi listened to the proposals of the Emperor; but his Majesty, it is said, had finally decided to have a soldier for his new Chancellor, thinking, as he does, with Frederick the Great, that a General must be the surest conductor of a foreign policy, as knowing best how far he can go with the army behind him. On March 19, 1890, the appointment of General Caprivi as successor to Prince Bismarck was made public. The General received the title of Count from the Emperor in December, 1891. He gave up his position as Prussian Prime Minister to Count von Eulenberg in March, 1892, but remained Chancellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs. In 1892 and 1893, despite of prolonged opposition, he conducted the German Army Bills successfully through Parliament. He unexpectedly resigned in October, 1894, owing to friction with Count Eulenberg in the matter of the Agrarian League malcontents.

THE CHARGES AGAINST TSAI TAOTAI.

Our German contemporary the *Ostasiatische Lloyd* published in a recent issue the report made to the Throne by the Viceroy Liu Kun-yi on the charges made against Tsai Taotai. The following English translation of the report is taken from the *N.-C. Daily News*:—

In obedience to an Imperial order to make fresh enquiry into this matter, I have the honour to report as follows:—

I received through the Grand Council an Imperial Edict dated the 17th of September. I learnt from it that a long report had been made to the Throne as to the then prices ruling in the grain-markets in Kiangsu and Chekiang, which had resulted in the prevalence of general distress. Rice had become daily dearer and dearer last year, until the price reached 6 per picul. This was due to the laxity of the prefects and district magistrates, who neglected their duty to see that food is sold at reasonable prices and that when the people were crying for food in the streets. The Edict further states that the dearness of rice in the southern districts was all the more deplorable as the last harvest had not been gathered. Liu Kun-yi and Kuei Chun (the late Governor of Kiangsu) were ordered to see to the speedy relief of those who were in want.

The report above-mentioned in which this complaint is made states furthermore that the export of grain to foreign countries has not been stopped, although it has several times been prohibited. There was no doubt that the Taotai Tsai Chün of Shanghai gave his support and favour to this illegal trade in order to make money by issuing permits; in one day as many as 80 to 90 permits were issued. The Edict therefore charges me and the Governor to investigate the matter, in order to ascertain if this denunciation is supported by facts.

Kwei Chun, Governor of Kiangsu, having been transferred to another port, I ordered the two Provincial Treasurers to make the necessary enquiries. At the same time I ordered the expectant Taotai Shên Tun-ho, and the expectant prefect Hsü Pao shu to make secret enquiries with regard to the charges made against Tsai Taotai. I have now thoroughly examined the reports made to me by these officials, with the following result:—

With regard to the charge that the Taotai tended, in opposition to the prefects and district magistrates, to hinder the sale of rice by asserting that the dispatch of the white rice would be interfered with, I may mention that last year's grain harvest was a very bad one, in consequence of which the price rose more and more from the end of winter to the beginning of spring, until it finally became abnormally dear.

Strict orders were therefore issued against the secret export of grain in order to prevent a famine, and there were numerous robberies of grain, in consequence of the scarcity and high price, so that the law courts were filled with cases and the assistance of the soldiers became necessary. At the same time a loan was raised, and officials were sent to Kiangsi and Hunan to buy up rice and bring it down in junks in place of steam launches. At Soochow a depôt for the sale of cheap rice was opened, and permission granted to allow officials and merchants to bring rice to Shanghai free of duty and likin up to the 31st of August. I likewise ordered that the stock in the government granaries should be properly divided, and that the purchase-money should be sent to the various places where help was required. All the officials carried out my orders strictly, with the exception of the sub-prefect Tai Hu, who has been removed from office. There has therefore been no opposition or neglect of duty on the part of the officials generally.

With regard to the charge that the people had expressly requested that the export of rice into the interior be also stopped, lest they should be unable to buy it at any price, I have to state that these requests were made after the issue of the order stopping the export. But as soon as it was known by decrees that only the export from the port was in consideration, no more complaints as to inability to buy were heard. Now the new harvest has come in, grain has become cheaper, and the people are quiet. This is the true state of affairs.

But the Taotai is furthermore charged with irritating the people of the Sungkiang district by issuing in each district far too many permits for the purchase of rice. This denunciation is likewise baseless. The stock of rice in Shanghai was so low in June last year, than it could not have lasted for more than half a month; accordingly, 1,500 permits, each for Pls. 100, were issued. Of these, only 914 were used. As various district magistrates requested that the purchase of rice should be forbidden in their district, the Taotai very properly ordered that not more than Pls. 1,000 should be purchased in any one district.

The Taotai is furthermore charged with having, from avaricious motives, favoured the secret export of rice and participated in it himself. In Shanghai, all goods before they are exported have to pass the Customs, and a clandestine export of grain in large quantities is therefore impossible, whether the Taotai notified the Customs of it or not. A case proving the strict control exercised by the Customs occurred in April last year, when it was reported to the Customs that rice was being smuggled away in the China Merchants' steamer *Kwanglee*. The Customs at once put an official on board as a passenger, with orders to proceed to Hongkong, where he confiscated 70 bags of rice that had been smuggled on board, and the smuggler was fined Tls. 200. The expectant Taotai Shên Tun-ho, in accord with the acting Commissioner of Customs, Mr Taylor, ascertained that during the first half of the Chinese year (excepting the time during which the export was prohibited) altogether only Pls. 24,384 of rice were exported, and this was all needed for Canton, Tientsin, Ningpo, and Amoy, and was shipped thither by steamers. For all these shipments Customs receipts can be produced.

These are the true facts, which underlie the charges made against Tsai Taotai. As my searching investigation shows that no irregularities whatever have been committed, I take the liberty to propose that no farther notice be taken of the charges.

A memorial to the Empress Dowager and Emperor.

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NEWS FROM MANCHURIA.

Kirin, January 19.

The following letter from Dr Greig will be read with great interest:—

Considerable changes have taken place here since I left in June 1897, all pointing to the speedy opening up and development of the country in which I hope my own countrymen will take their share.

In the West suburbs of the city there is now a small colony of from 150 to 200 Cossacks and Russians. They occupy an old Manchu camp, and have made a few small repairs to make the premises habitable—one can hardly say comfortable.

I have met the doctor of the party professionally and socially, and he is an exceedingly nice man. My difficulty was to converse with him. His French and mine are rather rusty. My Russian is a vanishing quantity. His Chinese is limited, but we got along fairly, a Chinese interpreter coming to the rescue occasionally.

Prices have risen very much. When we built our hospital in 1897, for example, joiners were paid about 20 cents per day. Now they are receiving 35 cents per day in Russian employment. Bricklayers and coolies have all received a corresponding rise. Butchers' meat, which in 1897 was 10 cents per catty, is now nearly 20 cents, and so on.

This is a new country, and one would expect wages to be higher than in China Proper, but some of us are inclined to think they are rising more quickly than the state of demand and supply warrant. Who is to blame? Possibly the easily 'squeezed' foreigner, aided by his Chinese interpreter, and the meekly submissive Chinese workman; each merits his share. Knowledge of the Chinese language would help to remedy matters somewhat, but foreigners are always more or less at a disadvantage in the interior.

We hear the main line of the Railway is not to come to Kirin, but from Ashiho, east of the Sungari, is to go south via Kuanch'êngtse and K'aiyuan to Moukden and Newchwang. There is to be a branch line into Kirin.

The *coup d'état* of the Empress Dowager has been felt by us here as in other parts of China. Especially in the sales of books. Whereas the sales in October were very good, in November there was a sudden drop. The spirit of enquiry, however, is by no means checked. Our Christian services are as well attended as ever and the number of patients in the Hospital and Dispensary is not at all diminished.

The French Roman Catholic missionaries are now established here. Though they were first in Manchuria, Protestant missionaries were first to get into the city of Kirin. I called upon the Bishop, the other day, Monseigneur Lalouyer, with my colleague Mr Crawford, and he returned our visit a few days later. M. Lalouyer very courteously acknowledged the pioneer work we have done here, through which they have been enabled to come and work here also. He does not entertain any serious fears that French or British missionaries here will be interfered with by Russia. My own opinion is pretty much the same. At the same time, I think it is only right that the public should know that there are not only commercial interests in Manchuria, but interests of a sacred kind associated with the physical, moral, and spiritual welfare of this people, which are more or less influenced by the political situation.

To refer only to Protestant Missions in Manchuria, with which I am familiar, the Presbyterian Churches have now a membership of over 10,000. There are 170 chapels and places of worship, many of them self-supporting, and eight large and well-equipped Hospitals and Dispensaries. At least £100,000 has been spent in the last thirty years on this work, and now we have valuable properties in most of the large cities.

I, for one, do not believe that a Christian Power like Russia will interfere with Christian work, and should it ever be threatened I am sure the Christian sentiment of the world, when the facts are known, would be with us.

So far, we have a remarkably mild winter and very small snow-fall. Since the New Year our lowest temperature has been —10 Fah. We often have it much lower than this in January.

The absence of snow keeps the price of fuel high, for it delays the country sledges arriving.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

Exchange.

Hongkong, February 7, 1899.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	1/11¼
,, On demand, ...	1/11⅜
,, 30 days' sight, ...	1/11½
,, 4 months' sight, ...	1/11⅝
Credits, 4 ,, ,, ...	1/11¾
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	2/
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	2.47
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	2.51
On Berlin—Demand, ...	2.00½
On New York—	
On demand, ...	47⅝
Credits, 60 days' sight, ...	48⅝
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	145½
On demand, ...	146
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	145½
On demand, ...	146
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	1% pm.
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	1½% pm.
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	72
30 days' sight, (private paper)	73
On Yokohama—	
On demand, ...	5¼% pm.
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)...	$53.25
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$10.13
Silver (per oz.)	27⅜d.

Quotations.

Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1899.

OPIUM—	New Patna, cash, ...	812½
,,	Old ,, cash, ...	Nom.
,,	New Benares, cash,	820
,,	Old ,, cash, ...	Nom.
,,	New Malwa, credit, ...	700/72
	Allowance, Taels, ...	Nom./8
,,	Last Year new, ...	—
	Allowance, Taels, ...	—
,,	Old Malwa credit, ...	730/78
	Allowance, Taels ...	Nom./16
,,	Persian, Paper tied	8/16
	Allowance Taels ...	Nom.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1899.

Barometer—	9 A.M.	30.16
Do.	1 P.M.	30.12
Do.	4 P.M.	30.11
Thermometer—	9 A.M.	62
Do.	1 P.M.	67
Do.	4 P.M.	65
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	61
Do. Do.	1 P.M.	63
Do. Do.	4 P.M.	63
Do. Maximum	... ...	67
Do. Minimum overnight		60

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship PATROCLUS, Captain DIDERENS, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 7, 1899. 314

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship SIKH will be despatched as above on or about 24th February, 1899.

TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE

S. S. *Argyll*, to sail about 11th March, 1899.
S. S. *Macduff*, to sail about 31st Mar., 1899.
S. S. *Ghazee*, to sail about 15th April, 1899.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 7, 1899. 313

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ANTWERP, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. S. S. *Sicsia*, Captain T. BEHRENS, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th Inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th Instant, at 2 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 6, 1899. 301

'GLEN' LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship *Glengarry* having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LIMITED at KOWLOON, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-MORROW, the 7th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th February, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 20th February, otherwise they will not be recognised.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 6, 1899. 312

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *OUROMANDEL*,

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained, as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From LONDON, ex s. s. *Britannia*. From AUSTRALIA, ex s. s *Arcadia*. From CALCUTTA, ex s. s. *Massilia*. From PERSIAN GULF, ex s. s. *Kilwa* and *Assyria*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 p.m., TO-DAY, the 4th Instant.

Goods not cleared by the 10th February, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 4, 1899. 291

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *VICTORIA*,
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 6, 1899. 305

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FOREIGN STAMPS of every Description Bought, Sold, or Exchanged.

Telegraphic Address. 131

Shipping.

Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship SUNGKIANG, Captain DODD, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 9th Instant, at Noon.

Not Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 7, 1899. 315

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.
(*Leaving through the* INLAND SEA).

THE Company's Steamship HOHENZOLLERN, Captain E. WOLTERSDORFF, will leave for the above Ports on or about THURSDAY, the 9th Instant.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents

Hongkong, February 3, 1899. 295

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship SACHSEN, Captain H. SUPMER, due here with the outward German Mail about the 8th Inst., will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival,

For further particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, Feb. 3, 1899. 286

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, FIUME AND TRIESTE.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to SOUTH AFRICA, CALCUTTA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship GISELA, Captain MOSER, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 13th Instant, in the Afternoon.

Silk and Valuables are transhipped on arrival at Bombay into an accelerated liner.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 6, 1899. 332

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship TRIESTE, Captain A. MITIS, will leave for the above places on TUESDAY, the 14th Instant, in the Afternoon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 7, 1899. 319

UNITED STATES AND CHINA—JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship INDRANI, Captain TROTTER, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 14th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 7, 1899. 49

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Co.'s Steamship CALEDONIEN, Captain DURRANDE, will be despatched on or about THURSDAY, the 14th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 7, 1899. 321

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship CHINGTU, Captain MOORE, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 6, 1899. 310

UNITED STATES AND CHINA—JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK (DIRECT).

THE Steamship KENMORE, Captain ELLIS, will be despatched as above on or about the end of February.

For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 12, 1899. 17

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 *A.T.* British Barque QUEEN MARGARET, FRASER, Master, shortly expected here, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, January 23, 1899. 2497

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN, AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;
ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON SATURDAY, the 11th February, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *LAOS*, Captain FLANDIN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, *viâ* Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Place of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 10th February. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agt.

Hongkong, January 30, 1899. 248

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON,
Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *BALLARAT*, Captain C. L. W. FELLO, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 18th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, February 4, 1899. 293

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N. B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Suchsen	Wednesday	March 1.
Bayern.....	Wednesday	March 29.
Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	April 26.
Preussen.....	Wednesday	May 24.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1899, at 9 a.m., the Company's S. S. *SACHSEN*, Captain H. SUPMER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 27th February, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 28th February, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon on TUESDAY, the 28th February. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1899. 259

SOLA & Co.,

CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS.

GOODS Landed, passed through the CUSTOM HOUSE, and delivered to CONSIGNEES.

Orders for CIGARS and other GOODS received on Arrangement with BANK or FIRM for Payment of Cost on production of BILLS of LADING.

9, BARRACA STREET,
MANILA.

Manila, January 31, 1899. 303

Mails.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD Co.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS and HONOLULU, The UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA, Etc.

S.S. *Carmarthenshire* 2,929 Tons ...About 25th February.
S.S. *Belgian King* ...3,379 Tons.....About 25th March.
S.S. *Carlisle City*...3,002 Tons.....About 25th April.

THE Steamship *Carmarthenshire* will be despatched for SAN DIEGO, *Via* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about the 25th February.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 p.m. the day previous to Sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
HONGKONG, CHINA & JAPAN.

Hongkong, January 25, 1899. 211

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN & HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Nippon Maru, (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY, March 4, at Noon.
America Maru, (via Shanghai Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	THURSDAY, March 30, at Noon.

THE S. S. *NIPPON MARU* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 4th March, 1899, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN, PACIFIC CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Packages will be received at the Office until 4 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, February 8, 1899. 129

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VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.
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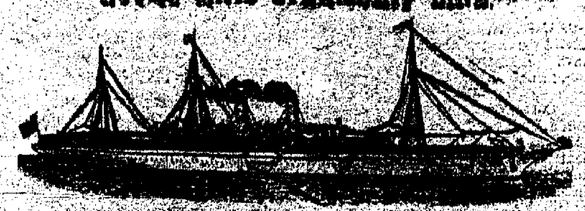
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GENTLEMEN DOCKERS.

A casual statement made at an inquest on a docker held recently at the London Hospital (says the London *Daily Telegraph*) served to draw momentary attention to the romance of human vicissitudes which often lies concealed in obscure corners of the metropolis. The subject of the coroner's inquiry was a man of 67, whose widow informed the jury that he was at one time the captain of a Cunard liner. To this one of the dock officials added: 'They all come to us at last—parsons, doctors, and lawyers.' Speaking roughly, this view of the ultimate fate of the unsuccessful in the various professions in London is more or less correct, but there are undoubtedly other humble pursuits to which these unhappy beings who are wrecked in the voyage of life eventually drift. According to one gentleman whose name is familiar in its association with the London omnibus, the 'bus drivers of the metropolis include an elderly man who 40 years ago owned an estate and was M.F.H. in a large county; three military officers and one naval captain, and a still larger number who have been admitted solicitors and afterwards struck off the rolls. These and other instances which could be enumerated indicate that the London docks enjoy no monopoly in the attention bestowed upon them by the unsuccessful in life. At the same time it is an indisputable fact that a larger number drift towards the great centres of unskilled labour in the East-end than in any other direction. Valuable and readable as are Mr Charles Booth's statistical studies of dockland, they would receive additional features of interest if dock labourers, in applying for work, gave an indication of their previous occupations, so that their experiences might be embodied in those volumes. Although the record would no doubt in the majority of cases be one of unrelieved penury and monotonous toil, instances would not be wanting which might be of an instructive and fascinating, if not of a tragic character. Biographies, autobiographies, and personal paragraphs concerning men who have risen from indigence to wealth reveal only one side of the picture—the darker, gloomier aspect is known only to the increasingly large class who have fallen from opulence to want, from a high rung of the professional ladder to the lowest rank of unskilled labour. It is but rare that the public obtains a glimpse of the view. Now and then one of these social wrecks discovers himself the lucky recipient of a timely legacy, or, as less seldom happens, some fatality overtakes him, and his antecedents impart a touch of piquancy to the bald report of the inquest. It was an instance of this character which was furnished on Monday, and the inquiries made by a reporter yesterday into the circumstances of this and similar cases, proved conclusively that the assertion made by the dock official at the inquest was in no respect exaggerated.

Not only 'parsons, and doctors,' but accountants, civil engineers, and city men may be found in the ranks of the dockers at the present time; whilst, in regard to mariners, there are hundreds amongst the dock hands who hold masters' certificates. Some of these have even filled positions as responsible as the individual on whom the inquest was held, but a much larger number have occupied less prominent posts in the merchant service. It appears that competition in that branch of seamanship is very keen, and that the standard of remuneration is considerably lower now than it was some years ago. As a consequence of this the master mariner out of employment finds it quite as well, taking all matters into account, to earn the very ample living wage which a first-class dock labourer receives. To these a knowledge of shipping, and a previous experience of rigging, and so on, render the work less formidable and much less irksome than it first appears to the professional who is driven to it by want. But, unaccustomed as the fingers of these gentlemen dockers are to the heavy bales they have to truck and carry, all share a characteristic which qualifies them for the work, namely, they are men of splendid physique, and possess the muscular strength which the labour demands. This, at least, is the statement of a sympathetic and very intelligent dock official who spoke to the writer on the matter yesterday.

There are more clergymen earning their living now as dock hands than there are barristers; there are more men who have been called to the Bar amongst them than there are medical practitioners; there are more doctors, again, than there are city men. The causes which have brought them down so low in the world vary in a similar degree. More doctors, for instance, have drifted to the docks through drink, and the barristers attribute their misfortunes to the same evil influence, and it is also a plea put forward by the minister or priest. A careful examination of their previous circumstances demonstrates, however, that their failure is often due to causes other than man's traditional enemy. Few people realise the part played by unwise and unhappy marriages in the degradation of these unfortunate people. 'A bad wife has brought most of 'em here,' were the words with which one official summed up the situation; but to this must be added certain graver defects of character in the man himself—irresolution, want of persistency, and feebleness in fighting against successive strokes of misfortune. Under existing circumstances it would be impossible to arrive at definite or trustworthy figures of the actual number of 'gentlemen dockers' who have drifted to the East end. Naturally sensitive as to their misfortunes, they maintain the utmost secrecy in regard to their past life. Only when, through their superior intelligence, they receive a slight promotion and are raised to the position of check clerks, do they confide in the officials placed above them and relate their troubles.

'You can always distinguish the gentleman docker from the ordinary hand,' continued the official referred to. 'He may turn up in clothes as ragged and dirty as any of them, but there is something about him—either in his manner, or in his step, or in his speech—which tells you at a glance what his previous history has been. And it is curious to note how instinctively everybody, from the born docker to the youngest clerk, treats these men with the consideration their feelings deserve. They do not associate with the other men save at work. It would be impossible to find a single case in which a gentleman docker has been dismissed. Although some of them are really beyond middle-age they make really capital workmen—they do their work quickly and well, they are prompt and obedient, and they are never guilty of misconduct. As a rule, too, they only remain here temporarily, and, surprising as it may sound, the pay they earn enables them to lay something by to tide over their momentary difficulties. Here, for instance, is a case in point. A stalwart young man of about 30 was given some work here a few years ago. He became known amongst the men as the "champion trucker," he was so strong in handling the trucks. It was not long before we made him a tally clerk, but after remaining here in that position for some time he went away. Before he left he confided in me that he had been ordained in the Church of England, was the nephew of a well-known Bishop, had got into trouble, and with the assistance of friends and the money he earned here he was enabled to go abroad and take up a position which had been obtained for him.

'We have had a few cases in which the gentlemen dockers have remained here for some years. I have reason to remember one particular instance because it concerned a director of this company. Taking a party of friends over the premises one day, he came upon a group of men working a huge crane, and whilst explaining its method of operation he caught sight of a face which seemed familiar. At the moment he said nothing, but later on in the day he came here as the dockers were being paid off, and found his suspicions confirmed. The face was that of a man who, 20 years before, was the head of a city firm, of which the director was a member. In consequence of embezzlement he was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude, and on his release he had drifted in the current of all who have lost their character and position—towards dockland.'

HOW THE SERGEANT-MAJOR PUT IT.

The following anecdote, which, by the way, has the additional merit of being a true one, may prove of interest as an illustration of what a sergeant-major can do by a little tact. A certain distinguished corps was once under canvas undergoing the annual course of musketry. The colonel received a letter from Mrs Colonel expressing her intention of coming to lunch on the following Sunday, accompanied by the Misses Colonel. The worthy C. O., feeling that the delicate ears of his female relatives might be shocked at some of Thomas Atkins' expressions of joy, grief, or surprise, sent for his sergeant-major and thus addressed him: 'Mrs Jones and my daughters have written to say that they are driving over to lunch next Sunday, if the weather holds good. I should like to take them round the camp, but as you know that the men are sometimes in the habit of using expressions which I should not wish ladies to hear, I should like you to caution them to refrain from those expressions while the ladies are in camp.' The worthy sergeant-major saluted and retired, but having less faith in what we may speak of as the abstract as opposed to the concrete, he proceeded to fall-in the company orderly-sergeants, and, after much preliminary dressing and 'eyes-fronting,' he bade them take down the following instructions:—'The C.O. 'opes that the men will refrain from the use of the words —, —, and —, between the dinner hour and retreat on Sunday next, if the weather holds good. Right turn! Dismiss!!' It is not recorded whether 'the weather held good' and the anticipated visit took place, but if so, doubtless all went well.—*The Globe and Laurel.*

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Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	29.78	—	—	S	2	—	—
Kochi	29.99	—	—	W	4	—	—
Nagasaki.	30.11	—	—	NW	2	—	—
Kagoshima	30.1	—	—	W	6	—	—
Gutzlaff	30.29	47	70	W	5	bm	—
Sharp Pk.	30.27	53	75	ENE	1	b	—
Amoy	30.26	60	65	SE	3	b	—
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	30.21	62	38	E	3	b	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	—	0	—	—
Gap Rock	30.21	—	—	NE	2	—	—
Macao	30.18	65	—	SSE	1	b	—
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C.S. James	—	—	—	SE	3	—	—
Malate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Feb. 8th.—AT 10 A.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	30.31	45	76	SW	4	bm	—
Sharp Pk.	30.28	55	62	W	1	b	—
Amoy	30.32	52	73	SW	1	c	—
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	30.26	57	69	—	0	b	—
Hongkong	30.26	65	29	E	2	b	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	ENE	3	—	—
Gap Rock	30.25	—	—	ENE	3	—	—
Macao	30.27	67	—	NE	1	b	—
Haiphong	30.20	57	—	—	0	g	—
C.S. James	—	—	—	N	3	b	—
Malate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 8, 1899.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, *b* blue sky, *c* detached clouds, *d* drizzling rain, *f* fog, *g* gloomy, *h* hail, *l* lightning, *o* overcast, *p* passing shower, *q* squally, *r* rain, *s* snow, *t* thunder, *v* visibility, *w* dew (wet).
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The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

9th to 15th February.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	HIGH WATER. Hongkong Mean Time.	HIGH WATER. Height.	LOW WATER. Hongkong Mean Time.	LOW WATER. Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Thur.	9	m 9 8	2 2	m 9 32	—1 11
		9 2 a	5 9	1 26 a	0 10
Fri.	10	m 9 39	1 5	m 3 8	—2 0
		8 56 a	5 9	2 18 a	0 6
Sat.	11	m 10 9	2 9	m 3 42	—1 11
		9 46 a	5 5	3 4 a	0 2
Sun.	12	m 10 39	3 0	m 4 15	—1 7
		10 33 a	5 0	3 51 a	—0 1
Mon.	13	m 11 9	3 3	m 4 47	—1 2
		11 16 a	4 4	4 39 a	—0 2
Tues.	14	m 11 40	3 6	m 5 19	—0 7
				5 29 a	—0 1
Wed.	15	m 0 8	[illegible]	m 5 47	—0 1
		0 16 a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	10	3000	Comdr. A. H. Smith-Dorrien	Hongkong
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander E. J. W. Slade	Hongkong
Archer	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comdr. C. E. Kingsmill	Singapore
Barfleur†	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Hon. S. C. J. Colville, C.B.	Nagasaki
Bonaventure	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. R. A. J. Montgomerie, C.B.	Hongkong
Centurion*	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain J. R. Jellicoe	Hongkong
Daphne	sloop	1140	8	2000	Comd. C. W. Winnington-Ingram	Hongkong
Esk	g.-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	3	200	Lt.-Com. C. Chadwick	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Lieut. H. A. Gillett	Hongkong
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	2	360	———	Canton
Grafton	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Captain F. W. Fisher	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut. Edward Kelly	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut. Shakespere	Hongkong
Hermione	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. G. A. Callaghan	Weihaiwei
Humber	storeship	1640	—	1640	Lieut. H. J. Davison	Hongkong
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. H. N. Dudding	Nanking
Linnet	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	Com. Wm. W. Smythe	Hankow
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Comdr. G. F. King-Hall	Iloilo
Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. P. S. St. John	Chemulpo
Phœnix	sloop	1050	6	1400	Capt. N. P. Cochrane	Shanghai
Pigmy	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut. C. J. T. Dormer	Iloilo
Plover	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Com. C. V. de M. Cowper	Manila
Powerful	cruiser, 1st class	14,200	14	25,000	Capt. Hon. H. Lambton	Hongkong
Rattler	gunboat, 1st class	715	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Hongkong
Redpole	gunboat, 1st class	805	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Hongkong
Sandpiper	river gunboat	—	2	—	Lieut.-Comdr. Carr	Hongkong
Swift	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	———	Foochow
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	—	—	Commodore S. C. Holland	Hongkong
Tweed	g.-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	———	Hongkong
Undaunted	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Hongkong
Victorious	battleship, 1st class	14,900	16	12,000	Capt. A. Schomberg	Hongkong
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	620	—	450	Lieut.-Comdr. W. P. Dawson	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5900	Lieut. I. P. Barton	Hongkong
Wivern	coastdefenceship, armoured	2750	4	1000	———	Hongkong
Woodcock	river gunboat	—	2	—	Lieut.-Com. H. D. S. Watson	Shanghai

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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	*Flag and Description.*	*Tons.*	*Guns.*	*H.P.*	*Captain.*	*Last reported at*
Frundsberg	Austrian corvette	1400	9	800	Capt. L. von Zeigler	Singapore
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journe	Saigon
Bayard	French flagship	6500	12	4500	Captain Joannet	———
Caravan	French gunboat	658	4	—	Lieut. Schwerer	Saigon
Descartes	French cruiser	4000	14	8500	Capt. Philibert	Foochow
Duguay-Trouin	French cruiser	3593	11	4399	———	Kwongchauwan
Eclaireur	French cruiser	1658	8	2050	Capt. Texior	Taku
Jean Bart	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Thesmar	Kwongchauwan
Léon	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Amet	Shangha.
Pascal	French cruiser	3988	14	8500	Captain de Brétizel	Manila
Surprise	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain de Plessix	Saigon
Vauban	French flagship	—	—	—	Captain Boutet	Kwongchauwan
Arcona	German cruiser	1640	8	2930	Captain Becker	Shanghai
Cormoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2900	Capt. Brussatis	Shanghai
Deutschland	German ironclad	8000	—	8000	Captain Muller	Hongkong
Gefion	German 2nd class cruiser	4109	10	9000	Captain Rollmann	Hongkong
Irene	German cruiser	4200	8	2930	Commander do Bois	Iloilo
Kaiser	German flagship	7677	15	5700	Captain Stubenrauch	Hongkong
Kaiserin Augusta	German cruiser	6331	20	14,000	Captain Koellner	Hongkong
Moeve	German gunboat	800	—	—	Capt. Merten	Shanghai
Prinzess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	12	8000	Captain Truppel	Hongkong
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	1487	—	—	Captain Incoronato	Nagasaki
Liberal	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	400	Comdr. Carvalhosa e Athayde	Macao
Admiral Kornieloff	Russian cruiser	5500	16	9000	Captain Molas	Port Arthur
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenogo	Vladivostock
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	2	1150	Captain Boisman	Nagasaki
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Capt. Witthofft	Port Arthur
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Capt. Serebrennikff	———
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Capt. Rudneff	Taku
Korejetz	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Captain Silhnan	Nagasaki
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1200	3	1400	Commander Kachaloff	Chemulpo
Navarin	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	4	—	Captain Feniche	———
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Captain Coprianoff	Nagasaki
Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	6000	15	8000	Captain Vireenius	Vladivostock
Rossia	Russian cruiser	12,200	—	—	Captain Domojiroff	Nagasaki
Rurik	Russian flagship	10,923	26	13,250	Comdr. Gaoupt	Nagasaki
Silatch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Captain Barranoff	Port Arthur
Sissoi Veliky	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	14	8500	Captain Baronago	Nagasaki
Sivootch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1120	Captain Niedermuller	———
Vladimir Monamach	Russian armoured cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Prince Ouchtomsky	Port Arthur
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HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$ 15	$ 10	$26½, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	$67½, sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£ 10	£ 10	£2.10, buyers
		£ 10		£5.5
Do. (new issue)	20,000	£ 10	£ 5	£2.15, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000	$ 10	$ 7½	$12½
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	2,000	$ 100	all	$173, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$ 100	all	$52, buyers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 50	all	$88
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,600	$ 100	$ 37½	$39½
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 100	$ 50	$78, ex div.
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$ 50	$ 30	$17½
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	25,400	$ 10	all	$9½, buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$ 50	$ 40	$18, ex div.
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$130, buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000	$ 5	all	$7.40, buyers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld.	60,000	$ 4	all	$6, sellers
" " Preference shares	30,000	$ 1	all	$1.40
Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ld.	70,000	$ 5	$ 5	$9.25, sellers
Société Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	$115, sellers
Queen's Mine, Limited	100,000	25 cents	25 cts.	$1.05, buyers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£ 1	14/10	$63
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ld.	a15,000	$ 5	$ 5	$7
	a45,000	$ 5	$ 2½	$5.25
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	$ 50	all	$74 sellers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	60,000	$ 10	all	$13½, buyers
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	$126
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	$ 10	$ 10	$11, buyers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 10	$ 10	$27½ / $26
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	10,000	£ 1	£ 15/-	$5
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$ 10	all	$10, sales
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	$ 25	$ 25	$31½, buyers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	800	$ 50	all	$33
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 7½	$ 5	$5½
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$ 25	all	$114, ex div.
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$172½
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	1,500,000	$ 100	$ 100	$84½, sales
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 70
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 90
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 83
Carmichael & Co., Ld.	2,000	$ 25	$ 20	$8
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 400
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 20	$ 10	$9.75, sellers

* Founder's shares.

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	10% prem.

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